GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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UTILISATION OF FUNDS UNDER SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments including Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have failed to utilise the funds allocated by the Union Government under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) as reported in 'Dainik Jagran' dated February 24, 2008;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) the extent to which education of children between the age of 6-14 has been affected by under-utilisation of funds, State and Union Territory-wise;

(e) whether the Government proposes to impose penalty on the State Governments which are not implementing SSA effectively; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A.FATMI)

(a) to (f) The overall utilization of funds under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in 35 States/UTs as on 31.12.2007 was 61% of funds available. The States of Bihar and UP utilized 46% and 76% of available funds, respectively. All the States/UTs have been advised to utilize the full amount by the end of the current financial year. The number of out of School Children which was reportedly 1.34 crores during 2005- 06 has come down to. 76 lakhs approximately in 2007. Funds released under the SSA to States/UTs by Government of India are based on performance and requirement.